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WEATHER

Tonight:

TONIGHT	TOMORROW
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Donkey ball fund-raiser slated Feb. 1

A donkey basketball tournament is set for 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, at the Big Spring Junior High School gym, 624 E. Sixth St.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Howard County Sheriff's Posse to collect money for renovation to the organization's building and to undergo extensive training in search and rescue operations.

The Sheriff's Posse will compete against members from the Howard County Sheriff's Office while the Big Spring Police Department will take on the Big Spring Fire Department. The winners of the first two matches will battle each other in the final game.

Admission is $5 in advance or $6 for tickets at the gate. Preschoolers are admitted free.

For more information, contact T.J. Walker at 254-2316, 557-5446 or Sheriff Dale Walker at 264-2244.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

❑ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxialiary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

❑ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

❑ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

❑ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

❑ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

❑ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

❑ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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Accident strikes more than a little close to home

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Lachele Mobley got an unpleasant surprise Tuesday.

SWEATT

The home schooled 16-year-old was doing schoolwork in the Barcelona apartment she shared with her mother, Dee Mobley, shortly after 1 p.m.

"I had just left the room, something told me to get out of my room, and I heard a big old crash," she said. "I thought something fell through the roof or something. I looked in there and the car was in my room."

Kimberly Bretz of Big Spring apparantly lost control of her 1992 Pontiac four-door and plowed into the apartment.

Bretz and Mobley were both uninjured in the incident, but Bretz's 3-year-old son was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for minor injuries.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said no arrest was made at the scene, but that a warrant would be issued for Bretz for driving with a suspended license.

"It's kind of normal if there's an accident with a child involved and the next of kin isn't available, to let the parent go ahead and take the child and then issue a warrant later," he said.

Mobley said she was stunned by the incident.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "A cop was passing by right as it hap-

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

A man surveys damage to a Barcelona apartment building after a car slammed into it. Lachele Mobley, 16, was in the apartment at the time of the accident. Mobley shares the apartment with her mother Dee, but said they planned to move Tuesday evening.

Parents find answers at forum

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Concerns about longer bus rides and where their children will attend school next year, seemed to be the question on the minds of parents attending the public forum held Tuesday night.

MURPHY

"You can't criticize unless you know what is going on and I didn't want to wait two or three weeks before they held the presentation at Moss," said Mike Groves, whose son is a fifth-grader at Moss Elementary.

Big Spring Independent School District administrators have recommended closing Anderson Kindergarten School and realigning school attendance zones for the 2002-2003 school year.

Seeking answers to their questions, about 30 parents and teachers came to Washington Elementary to hear the presentation by BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy and voice their concerns.

Tuesday's forum was the first of six to be held at elementary campuses throughout the district. Others are: Goliad Elementary, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Kentwood Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31; Moss Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4; Marcy Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5; and Bauer Magnet, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

"Since 1990 we have had a continual decline in student population which means a loss in revenues," Murphy said Tuesday night. "We have had a 600-student loss in schools. Our current elementaries are under utilized."

Murphy said the district is faced with limited revenue as result of the loss of state funding from the drop in daily attendance. Local revenue through taxes is at the state limit.

"This is economics. It really is economics," Murphy said. "It is money."

Murphy also explained the recommended changes to the school district and the criteria the administration must take into consideration in rezoning plans.

Rural and county parents from the north side of town voiced the largest concern of the evening over longer bus rides if their children are sent across town to Marcy Elementary to attend school.

"Bauer, Washington and Moss are much closer to us due to the fact that if something happens to our child we can get there faster," said Julie Juarez, who has a first grader at Washington. Juarez lives near the Luther community.

Murphy told parents the district will attempt to keep rural and county students that live north of the city attending schools located in the north side of town. Rural and country students living on the south of the city will probably be bused to Marcy.

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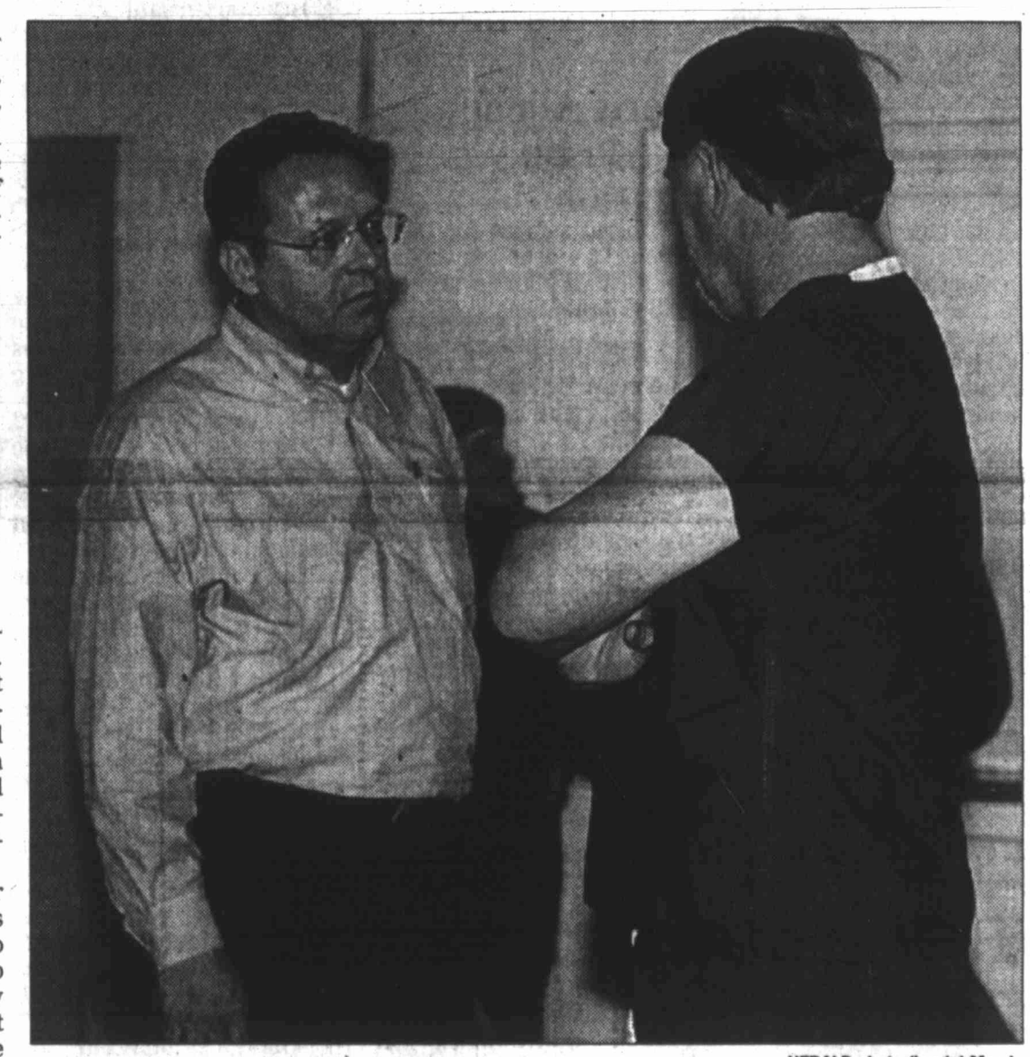

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Independent School District trustee Larry McLellan, left, listens to concerns from parent Mike Groves following the school closure and zone realignment public forum at Washington Elementary Tuesday night.

BSISD FORUMS

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City

Council OKs some bids, rejects others

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Fifteen vehicles with a total price tag of almost half a million dollars were approved for purchase by the Big Spring City Council members at their meeting Tuesday.

Contracts on seven of those vehicles, including two half-ton pickup trucks, two 3/4-ton pickup trucks, a four-door crew cab pickup and two dump trucks, were awarded to local dealer Pollard Chevrolet.

Pollard was also the low bidder on five police cruisers, but requested that its bid be withdrawn due to an error in formulating the bid.

"There is a provision in the statute for pulling the bid if it is due to an honest, reasonable mistake," City Attorney Jean Shotts said.

The council accepted Pollard's request and instead awarded the contract on the police units for $120,275 to Bob Brock Ford, another local dealership.

Bids on three vehicles, a 2 1/2 ton flatbed truck and two half-ton long bed pickup trucks, were rejected.

All bids for the 2 1/2 ton truck came in at least $10,000 over budget, so council members decided to reject those bids and have staff come up with new specifications, including a gasoline engine instead of a diesel engine.

Although Pollard was the low bidder on the long-bed pickups, none of the bidders offered an engine that met engine specifications, which required a 350-cubic inch minimum displace-

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Girl Scouts serving wide range of cookies this year

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Features Editor

It's that time of year again and the local Girl Scout troops are on the move to sell their famous cookies.

PETERSEN

Going door to door, the girls will be taking orders for a variety of cookies including caramel delites, peanut butter patties, shortbread cookies embossed with the Girl Scout logo, thin mints, peanut butter sandwich cookies, and animal treasures — shortbread cookies dipped in fudge and embossed with the image of endangered animals.

For those who are trying to keep their New Year's resolution to lose weight, there is even a reduced fat lemon pastry creme.

The new friendship cookie is a vanilla sandwich cookie filled with chocolate and is embossed with the word 'friend' in many languages.

Laurie Petersen, co-service unit manager for the local troops, explained how the money raised from cookie sales is used.

"Each package is $3.25 and 60 percent of the proceeds go to the Girl Scout Council for programs while 40 percent is used for local troops to finance camps and activities," she said.

The cookies are due to be in the week of Feb. 13 and will be delivered beginning Feb. 16.

Similar to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts offer a wide variety of activities, including camping and other outdoor skills such as archery, fishing, swimming and canoeing.

The local council has a camp in Sweetwater called Boothe Oaks which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

"The Girl Scouts lean more towards careers, growth and development and skills necessary for a chosen field," she said, adding that Girl Scouts are not as heavily into camping and adventure as their male counterparts.

The organization offers education on life skills conducive to assist young girls, not only in homemaking, but to become productive, self reliant, and successful women in a chosen field. The sale of cookies, as well as its other activities, helps teach organization and responsibility.

Despite having many young girls who have shown interest in joining, there is presently a shortage of adult volunteers and leaders.

"We have plenty of girls who want to sign up, but we don't have any leaders. Adult leaders are needed to provide opportunities for the girls," she said.

For information about the Girl Scouts or to place an order for cookies call Laurie Petersen at Seams Sew Nice, 267-9773.

If you are not able to order cookies now, don't fret, they will be on sale the week of Feb. 13, at Wal-Mart and at Seams Sew Nice in the Big Spring Mall.

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OBITUARIES

Clarence "Son" Ditto

Clarence "Son" Ditto, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Funeral service will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, and Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 3, 1926, in China Springs and married Joyce Kemper on Dec. 21, 1946, in Big Spring.

Son worked in the oilfields from 1953 to 1968. In January of 1968, they returned to the Knott Community where he continued to farm until retiring in 1995. He was currently working at Shroyer Motor Company.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Ditto of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Valencia Ditto of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, D'Aun and Ronnie Taylor of Post; three grandchildren, Tad Taylor of Big Spring, Shey Ditto of Austin and Colby Ditto of Weatherford; and one sister, Sis Blackburn of Waco.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, HC 69, Box 48, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Fleta Gayle Rollins

Funeral service for Fleta Gayle Rollins, 45, of Westbrook, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Westbrook Baptist Church with the Rev.'s Bob Manning, Jim Mosely and Paul Smith, officiating. Burial will be at the Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Mrs. Rollins died Monday, Jan. 21, at an Abilene hospital.

She was born Sept. 26, 1956, in Snyder. She was a caregiver, a member of the Westbrook First Baptist Church and the Mesquite Country Writer's Guild.

Survivors include her parents, Gerald and Nell Rollins of Westbrook; a brother, Stephen Rollins of Colorado City; and a sister, Sharla Bredemeyer of Winters.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720 or to Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 750, Silver Spring, Md 20910.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

C.B. Brummett Jr.

C.B. Brummett Jr., 66, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jess Colegrove, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1935, in Howard County and married Jean Lancaster on Nov. 19, 1954, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on April 4, 2001.

Mr. Brummett was a lifetime resident of Howard County and had farmed all of his life in Howard and Borden Counties.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Audry and Debbie Brummett of Big Spring; two daughters and one son-in-law, Sharon and Keith Thompson of Muldrow, Okla., and Joie Salvato of Big Spring; one granddaughter and her husband, Sandy and Kyle Miller of Midland; one grandson, John Brummett of Big Spring; one great-grandson, Kelby Miller of Midland and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Borden County Ambulance Fund, Gail 79738.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Todd Allen Treadway

Funeral service for Todd Allen Treadway, 39, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Odessa with pastor Dean Kelm officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Mr. Treadway died Monday, Jan. 21, in a pick-up-motorcycle accident north of Big Spring.

He was born Oct. 29, 1962, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a resident of Odessa from 1968 until 1995 when he moved to Andrews and later to Big Spring in 2000. He graduated from Permian High School in 1981. He received his associates degree from Odessa College. He held a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He received his master's degree in clinical psychology also from UTPB. He was a licensed psychological associate in 1995 and in 1996 he became a licensed professional counselor in the State of Texas. He was employed at Permian General Hospital in Andrews from November 1994 to October of 1999 and was with West Texas Centers for MHMR from November 1999 to November 2001, when he entered private practice with Dr. Michael Downing and Richard Hickam. He had written an article which had been published in the Texas Journal of Rural Health in 1999. He married Sharon Clark on Jan. 6, 1995, in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, of Big Spring; one son, Mykl Clark of Stanwood, Wash.; one daughter, Jennifer Weir of Worcester, Mass; his parents, Marvin and Bonnie Treadway of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Arthritis Foundation, 1330 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga. 30309 or the American Diabetes Association, serving Texas, P.O. Box 1834, Merrifield, Va. 22116-8034.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Doris Allene Davidson Ingram

Funeral service for Doris Allene Davidson Ingram, 93, of Fort Worth was held today, Jan. 22, 2002, at Greenwooed Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jon W. Weygandt officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Memorial park.

Mrs. Ingram died Sunday, Jan. 13, at her residence.

She was born May 31, 1908, in Grayson County near Bell and her family migrated to New Mexico near Hagerman where they irrigation farmed for several years. Around 1913 the families returned to Texas and settled in Howard County. She was a student at Big Spring High School and married Emmit A. Ingram on June 15, 1924, in Alpine. In 1928, after moving to Fort Worth, they purchased their home in Arlington Heights, where they both lived the rest of their lives. She was a member of G.H. Connell Memorial Baptist Church for 72 years. She was employed by Park Hill Drug Store, then as a mortgage loan consultant and processor with Earl Stevenson Mortgage Co.

Survivors include one son, Emmit A. Ingram Jr. of Evanston, Ill.; one brother, Joe Allen Davidson of Springdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Mary Davidson Green of White City, Ore., and Berta A. Davidson of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Connell Baptist Church, 4736 Bryce Ave, Fort Worth 76107-4143, The Visiting Nurses Association, 6300 Ridglea Place, Suite 801, Fort Worth 76116, in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth 76107, (817) 336-0584.

Gabrial Nicholas

Funeral service for Gabrial Nicholas, 52, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Nicholas died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at a local hospital.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
www.npwelch.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Todd Allen Treadway, 39, died Monday. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 PM Thursday. Services are 2:00 PM Friday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 824 E. 18th in Odessa. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

Gabrial Nicholas, 52, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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CRASH

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pened, so I didn't have to call the police."

Barcelona Apartments provided a new apartment for Mobley and her mother, she said.

"The only things that's not destroyed is my bed, and the TV," she said. "I was hysterical. I still am. I'm shaking. We're moving tonight."

"She's a dolphin collector, and all her dolphins are destroyed," Mobley's friend Misty Martin said.

Bretz and the manager of Barcelona Apartments could not be reached for comment.

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"I can swallow this a little easier," said Jimmie Salazar, whose family lives six miles north of Big Spring.

Murphy addressed several other concerns, from the number of kindergarten classes Washington will have to how the change will impact state test scores.

Rita Faulkner, third-grade teacher at Washington, asked if the kindergarten classes will continue to have instructional aides.

The aides will be placed throughout the district in other areas, Murphy said.

"So we still have lunch duty," she quipped.

Ending the discussion Murphy said, "Can ya'll live with this?"

A nod of agreement came from Washington first-grader Jason Guevara who was attending the forum with his mother, Mary Ann.

"I have a student that says he can," Murphy boasted to the audience.

"I appreciate you bringing him tonight," he told Mary Ann Guevara.

If the long-range projection of declining enrollment holds true, the district may be faced with this issue again in another four to five years, Murphy warned.

"The elementary issue is the first point we have to address," he said.

After a study provided by professional demographer Leslie Johnston of Johnston and Associates and a facility study by the BSISD staff, the administration has recommended closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and moving the kindergartners to neighborhood elementaries.

Transforming Goliad Elementary into a district-wide fifth and sixth-grade center while fifth-grade will still remain an elementary concept grade.

Sending Goliad kindergarten through fourth-grade (K-4) students to neighborhood schools primarily Washington, Kentwood and Marcy elementaries.

Some rural and country students would move from attending Washington Elementary to other K-4 campuses to accommodate displaced Goliad students and still allow for continuation of the transfer policy by parents as room provides at requested campuses.

BIDS

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ment.

Some city council members voiced concerns about Pollard's previous performance in providing vehicles purchased by the city in a timely manner.

"They gave us 90 days on a dump truck that we had a year and a half later. The sanitation truck didn't come in on time," Councilman Chuck Cawthon said.

Before the vote on awarding Pollard the bid for two 3/4-ton pickup trucks, Cawthon made a motion to reject the bid, but later withdrew the motion and moved to accept it.

The total price tag of the 15 vehicles, which also included a vibratory tandem roller, a compact utility tractor for the wastewater treatment plant and a new ambulance, was $448,653.

Other equipment for which the council accepted bids included an ambulance re-mount, a rescue tool system, 13 laptop computers and 225 sanitation containers.

Police investigate alleged sexual assault of a child

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police are investigating a reported sexual assault of a child.

"It's kind of sketchy right now because of the way the reports are," said police spokesman Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "But basically on Thursday evening it was first reported that a 3-year-old child had been sexually assaulted by a known subject."

Sweatt said both the victim and the suspect are male. Neither name has been released at this time.

"There's no real physical injuries at this time that have been noted. An examination has been conducted and we're trying to collect evidence right now and talk to some people about the case."

The incident occurred on the east side of town, Sweatt said.

The incident was reported by a family member of the victim, he added.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 8,2,6
CASH 5: 3,8,13,14,18

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

• **MICHAEL DALE ANDERSON**, 18, of 907 E. Interstate 20 No. 37 was arrested on a Howard County Warrant.

• **PAM KAY GRUIS**, 26, of 1102 Lamar was arrested on a charge of issuing a bad check and for two local warrants.

• **HOWARD FOSTER**, 25, of 1002 N. Main No. 16 was arrested on a charge of theft $50 to $500.

• **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD** and **INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (EXPOSES)** were reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of South Runnels. Someone reportedly broke the side window of a white 1998 Dodge causing $175 damage and stole cash and personal items worth $130.

• **THEFT** was reported
- In the 1300 block of East 11th Place. Two blue 20-inch Next bicycles worth $89 and $79 were reported stolen from the home.
- In the 500 block of East 18th Street. Someone reportedly stole $430 worth of household goods from the home.
- In the 700 block of West 13th Street. Someone reportedly stole $650 cash from the location.

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Congress' budget office projecting deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal surpluses have plummeted to $1.6 trillion over the coming decade and annual deficits are back for the next two years, say new congressional projections that herald a budget squeeze sure to color this fall's election for control of Congress.

The estimates by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, obtained by The Associated Press, mean the government's expected black ink has plummeted by a staggering $4 trillion, or by 71 percent of the $5.6 trillion the office estimated only a year ago. Both projections by CBO, Congress' official budget analyst, are for 2002 through 2011, and assume no changes in current tax or spending programs.

Further dramatizing the worsening fiscal pressures faced by President Bush and Congress, CBO is now projecting one-year deficits of $21 billion this year and $14 billion in fiscal 2003, which starts Oct. 1. The government ran annual surpluses for four straight years beginning in 1998.

Just last year, the budget office envisioned surpluses of $313 billion this year and $359 billion in 2003. The new projections, if accurate, would mark one of the steepest budgetary downslides ever.

Bush plans to send Congress a $2 trillion budget for 2003 on Feb. 4. Congressional and administration sources have said it will project deficits of about $100 billion this year and $80 billion in 2003 — assuming that Bush proposals for anti-recession tax cuts and extra spending for defense and homeland security are enacted.

CBO also projected a $2.26 trillion surplus for the decade running through 2012.

The fiscal nosedive has been prompted mostly by the recession, the cost of the $1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut Bush muscled through Congress last spring, and the price tag of the war on terrorism. In the short run, the recession is the key reason for the worsening numbers, though the tax cut's costs are more dominant over the entire decade.

Democrats say the Bush tax cut is mostly to blame, along with the Republicans' reliance last year on unrealistically optimistic economic projections for coming years. Republicans have blamed the worsening budget picture on the recession and the campaign against terrorism. They say annual surpluses will return shortly if the economy rebounds.

Stanley Marcus dies at 96

DALLAS (AP) — Stanley Marcus, whose name has been synonymous with high-dollar retailing and extravagant gifts for nearly a century, died Tuesday. He was 96.

The chairman emeritus of Neiman Marcus was hospitalized Sunday and died with family members at his side, a spokeswoman for Stanley Marcus Consultancy said.

Marcus long had been hailed as the last bastion of the day of the Merchant Prince. His philosophy was simple: "I do believe the best is discernible to the observant eye."

"His overwhelming desire to surpass the customer's expectations was instrumental to the success of the store," Neiman Marcus said in a statement. "He provided merchandise leadership by bringing the best and most unique products to the Neiman Marcus customer from around the world."

"We will miss his friendship and counsel, however, his legacy will endure."

Walter Loeb, publisher of the Loeb Retail Letter, said Marcus created a standard "for quality and dignity" that still exists for Neiman Marcus shoppers who expect the highest level of service and couture.

FBI arrives at Enron offices

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. invited the FBI to its headquarters after a former executive said she saw employees shredding documents as recently as last week. Meanwhile, shareholders suing the once-mighty energy company sought access to its former auditor's records.

FBI agents arrived at Enron's headquarters Tuesday to investigate the shredding allegations and company guards blocked employee access to accounting and finance offices on the 19th and 20th floors of the 50-story building.

"The company has done everything you'd expect under these circumstances," Enron attorney Kenneth Marks told U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon.

The FBI declined to comment, but Enron officials said the agents were on hand to talk with workers and check into the claims.

On Wednesday, Harmon awaited a plan from shareholders' attorneys to bar auditing firm Arthur Andersen from any further shredding of documents related to Enron's audits.

One of those attorneys, William Lerach, said multiple lawyers agreed that they want Harmon to approve a plan allowing them to inspect all of Andersen's Enron-related documents and take depositions from top Andersen personnel. They also want Harmon to eliminate any Andersen policies that require document destruction after keeping records for a certain amount of time.

Andersen already is under a Texas court order prohibiting such shredding.

Texas nuclear facility cited for problems

FORT WORTH, (AP) — The Comanche Peak nuclear power plant has been cited by federal regulators for repeated, improper handling of low-level radioactive waste.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the first significant safety violations against the North Texas facility in more than eight years.

Some clothing and maintenance equipment contaminated with radioactivity were found outside a controlled area at the plant near Glen Rose, said Breck Henderson, an NRC spokesman in Arlington.

The commission found 11 instances of violations between Jan. 24, 2000 and May 24, 2001, he said.

"The contaminated materials weren't dealt with properly," Henderson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Officials of TXU Energy, the plant's owner and operator, will discuss the violations with the NRC at a 1 p.m. public meeting today at Arlington.

TXU Energy officials said no risk was posed to the public or employees by the infractions.

They are the first low- to moderate-level safety violation at either of Texas' two nuclear power plants since the NRC adopted a new system of ranking infractions two years ago.

The Comanche Peak plant was last sanctioned in 1993 after radioactive water spilled in a containment area during refueling. The plant was shut down at the time and no water escaped, but the company was fined $50,000 by the NRC.

Officials of TXU said they hope to prove to the NRC that safety was not compromised at the plant, known as the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, in Somervell County.

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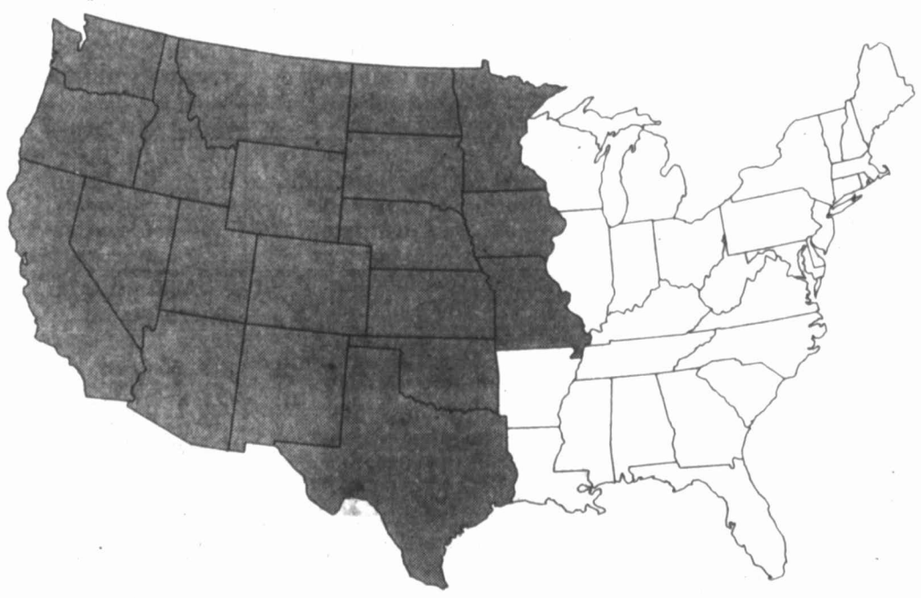

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OUR VIEWS

Forums help get the facts to the public

Change is never easy but sometimes we are left with little choice. That seems to be the case for the Big Spring Independent School District, which is considering closing Anderson Kindergarten Center in the wake of declining enrollment and financial constraints.

Administrators are hosting a series of public forums to present the plan to parents and teachers and get their input. The first of those was held Tuesday night at Washington Elementary and prompted the to-be-expected questions about busing, educational quality and staff job security.

We appreciate the administration's desire to hold these informational forums. It helps to dispel the rumors and misconceptions that so often ride on the shoulders of change. And by holding six of them on six separate dates, it ensures everyone who wants to attend will have an opportunity to do so.

We encourage parents, teachers, grandparents, future parents — anyone with an interest in public education in our community — to attend one of these meetings. All of the forums are open to anyone who wants to attend. Ask questions. Convey your concerns. Make suggestions.

The next forum is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Goliad Elementary. The other campuses and dates for those forums are: Kentwood Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31; Moss Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4; Marcy Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5; and Bauer Magnet, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

Take time to get educated about this important subject.

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Judge Justice knew the Constitution

MOLLY IVINS

Judge William Wayne Justice, the man who brought the U.S. Constitution to Texas for 30 years, is retired.

That'll make a lot of stupid clods happy, including most in the Legislature, since they have never forgiven Justice for desegregating the schools. But the rest of us lose a towering public figure, a man whose record on the bench is so magnificent and whose personal conduct is so irreproachable that he is, verily, a secular saint.

(That'll cause him to choke on his coffee. Modesty is one of his many virtues.)

I know it's a painfully obvious point, but if ever a man lived up to his name, William Wayne Justice does. His decisions have changed our racial relations, our prisons and our juvenile detention facilities, improved the ability of a poor man to get justice, and given us "one man, one vote" in our elections, and that's just a small part of the record.

Justice is so revered in the world of the law that as a designated iconoclast, I naturally feel called upon to puncture his reputation. Personally, I think his single greatest trait is the ability to listen to poisonous piffle with a straight face.

There he sits, lookin' wise as a treeful of owls, while assorted high-priced lawyers present him with utter bilge. He listens calmly and respectfully and then rules like Solomon. If he didn't have a perfect poker face, folks would probably consider him merely human.

Among the idiocies Justice has gravely pondered:

— In an early case, officials of Tyler Junior College, defending their policy against long hair, argued that a man whose hair grows over his collar is prone to violence. Justice noted in his decision that 37 of the 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention would have been ineligible to attend Tyler Junior College — to their eternal detriment.

— In United States vs. Texas, state officials tried to convince the judge that the sudden appearance of all-black school districts, oddly contiguous with all-white school districts, had nothing to do with keeping the schools segregated.

— In one of the most comprehensive restraining orders ever issued, under Point 27 of Morales vs. James Turman (the Texas Youth Council case), Justice gravely noted: "Experts testified that denying a child access to a regular bathroom whenever he needs one is demeaning and unnecessary." They had to bring in experts on that point and many others because the TYC was in the habit not only of refusing to let kids go the bathroom but also of beating them, gassing them, leaving them locked up with no medical care, forcing them to stand for hours in the sun pulling up grass with their knees straight, forcing them to keep silent, forcing them to speak only English (particularly hard on the kids who spoke only Spanish), letting known sadists work as supervisors, refusing to let their families visit them, etc., etc., and so forth.

This litany of horrors may sound like something out of a Third World prison expose, but this was the way the state of Texas treated juvenile offenders into the 1970s. Actually, as the judge also discovered, many kids in TYC hadn't even broken the law; they were there without due process or because they were retarded or because their families couldn't take care of them.

— Then there was the loopy occasion in 1988 when a bunch of aging hippies called the Rainbow Family were denied permission to hold a campout by the U.S. Forest Service, which assured the judge that these folks constituted such a menace that they had intimidated local, state and federal authorities and even the courts. Justice assured the Forest Service that he was not intimidated.

— The way we got "one man, one vote" was after the Lege drew a redistricting map in 1971 that was a remarkable piece of modern art. It contained districts that looked like giant chickens, districts that looked like coiled snakes, and districts with odd zits that popped up to include the home of one liberal incumbent in the district of another liberal incumbent.

In the immortal plaint of Rep. Bill Finke of San Antonio: "Now looka here, Dell-win, look at what yew have done to mah district. Got a great big ol' ball on one end, runs in a little-bitty strip for 300 miles and got a great big ol' ball on the other end. Looks like a pair of dumbbells. The courts say the districts have to be COM-pact and CON-tiguous; is this yore idea of COM-pact and CON-tiguous?"

Redistricting Chairman Delwin Jones replied: "Wha-ell, in a artistic sense, it is."

Justice's aesthetic sensibilities are as well-developed as the next man's, but much as he appreciated the artistic merit of the plan, he also found it unconstitutional to high heaven.

We may be able to find another judge whose understanding of the Constitution is as profound as Justice's, but I bet we'll never get another who can keep a straight face while listening to all the ways Texans can find to embarrass the Founding Fathers.

Molly Ivins was unable to file a column this week. The above column was initially published in May 1998.

Is there a nurse in the house?

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

I recently sat down with a bunch of experienced nurses who had graduated from nursing schools 50 years ago. Some of their revelations about nursing back then were interesting. Starched uniforms. Nurses accompanied doctors on their rounds and did everything from sewing up people to giving them back rubs. They cleaned the floors and venetian blinds and took care of new mothers, who stayed in bed two weeks after delivery. Women entering some nursing schools could not be married or be over 35 years old.

Cindy Stokes is dean of nursing at Howard College. She gathered this group to find out how nursing has evolved over the past half century. There was one thing all these women had in common: they felt strongly about their profession and were completely dedicated to it.

Cindy says the average age of nurses today is 52. The next 10 years will see a severe nursing shortage unless more individuals can be motivated to take the training.

"You must get to the educational process to be a nurse," says Cindy. "It's an honor to be one and it's not easy. You have to want to 110 percent. You have to put your life aside to be able to take care of sick people. Health care has never been simple and never will be because as technology and diseases increase, so must our knowledge. It is a constantly changing profession and a continual learning process. The day you start working as a nurse you learn new things.

"We try to tell our students how it is. You cannot be lax in any way, shape or form. You'll hurt someone. You must always be diligent. That's in our oath. Nursing is a mind-set, a giving of yourself. I promise you these ladies stayed late, came in early, worried about their patients while at home and called to check on them. They became involved. They wore their uniforms with pride. They loved to make tight beds with mitered corners.

"We don't have near the number of students to replace the nurses that are retiring. It's hard to tell someone who is not in the profession what to expect, but students must have the discipline to work hard and learn.

"We're teaching machinery now. Where they used to feel a wrist to get a pulse, now they plug patients into a machine. To get blood pressure, we plug them into a machine. No longer can you just listen to the heart, you have to hook them to a monitor that gives you a printout of what's going on in every chamber. More is required of nurses today, so they have to know more. It's stressful because nurses can't get to the patient's room due to paperwork or administrative duties. Or if they do get there, they have just five minutes and have to go do something else.

"These ladies spent time with patients, talked to them and did a lot of laying on of hands, which I think is healing. We're trying to get back to that, trying to teach students to touch and really give personal care.

"We can teach basic nursing, but when you get out there, you've got to become an expert in your area. It takes incentive to keep on learning. It is a lifelong process. Once you're a nurse, you're a nurse for life. It's in your blood."

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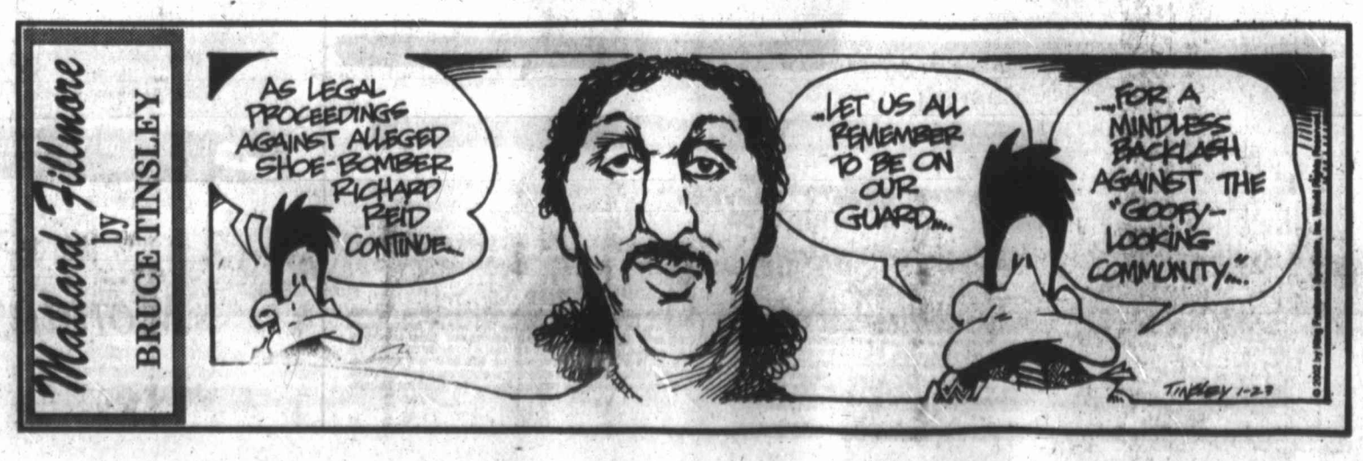

Library offers variety of large print books

Have you noticed that the print in books seems to have gotten smaller? Do you have problems seeing the channel numbers on the TV or the numerals on your clock? Do you squint when trying to read John Grisham's latest book?

Howard County Library may be able to help you. The Library has a collection of large print books available for check out.

Just like the regular collection, it is split up into Non-Fiction, Fiction, Mystery, Science Fiction and Westerns. The collection is located on bookshelves 27 and 28.

Here are just a few of the new Large Print books that the Library has just received.

Robert B. Parker is the author of the "Spencer" novels. He has created a new character (very similar to Spencer) named Jesse Stone.

In "Night Passage," due to Stone's drinking problem, both his wife and the LAPD have dumped him.

He is shocked when he is recruited as police chief in a small Massachusetts town.

Stone wonders if this is a genuine chance to start over or something darker.

He quickly finds out when he is confronted by both political and moral corruption in a seemingly sleepy town.

Stone will be tested by circumstances – how will he stand up? Check it out!

HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

Are you a fan of the "Cat Who.." books by Lilian Jackson Braun? Koko and Yum Yum will help Jim Qwilleran solve the latest crimes in Moose County in the "Cat Who Sang For the Birds" and "The Cat Who Could Read Backwards."

It is hard to beat Jackie Collins' for a good "trash" read.

"Lethal Seduction" has it all – the high-powered world of New York fashion and the manic excitement of Las Vegas.

Walk on the wild side with Jamie Nova, Jake Sica, Carrie Hanlon and Joel Blaine.

The story line is too confusing to even try and tell you about so just come on in and check it out.

Jack Higgins in "The President's Daughter" brings back Sean Dillon, the former IRA enforcer and Blake Johnson in a fast-paced, gripping political thriller.

While fighting in Viet Nam, Jake Cazalet rescued a Frenchwoman whose husband was reported dead.

A passionate affair ensued but ended when the husband was found alive. Twenty years later in Paris, Jake meets his former lover and is told that he has a daughter.

Oh, did I mention that Jake is now the President of the United States? His secret daughter doesn't stay secret for long, for she is kidnapped and held for ransom.

Cazalet will call upon Sean and Blake to retrieve his daughter and bring her back safely.

See how they do this in "The President's Daughter." At the checkout stand at the grocery store, do you sneak a look at the "Star" or "Globe"? Do you subscribe to "People" magazine and never miss Entertainment Tonight on the TV?

If you are one of those people, you will enjoy reading "Natural Blonde" by Liz Smith.

Quite frankly, she is a gossip columnist who loves what she does and wouldn't trade it for a million dollars.

She is as entertaining in print as she is in person. Liz Smith was the closing speaker for the Texas Library Association in April 2001 and was very entertaining.

Liz has covered the goings on of the rich and famous for over forty years. See what she has to say about them.

Other large print books that have just recently come in are: "Rosehaven" and "The Branded Man" by Catherine Cookson; "Firestorm" by Nevada Barr; "10 Lb. Penalty" by Dick Francis; "My Father's Daughter" by Nancy Sinatra; "The Bone Collector" by Jeffrey Deaver; "Keep It Simple, Stupid" by Judge Judy Sheindlin; "Today I Am a Boy" by David Hays; "Hillary's Choice" by Gail Sheehy and finally a tremendous biography "Joe Dimaggio" by Richard Ben Carver.

The books that I have written today are only a small portion of our large print collection. Please come see what else we have for your reading pleasure.

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Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

Strict nurse-to-patient ratios proposed by California governor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis has proposed strict staffing rules in hospitals that would mandate the number of nurses assigned to each patient.

The new rules, which still must go through a normal regulatory review process, would make California the first state in the nation to set minimum nurse staffing levels.

California already imposes staffing requirements in some hospital units, including intensive care, operating rooms and nurseries, but hospital officials have been free to control staff levels in other areas.

Under the proposal made Tuesday, every four patients put through triage in an emergency room will be assigned at least one nurse.

Currently, the ratio averages between 1-to-6 and 1-to-8.

In general medical and surgical wards, the rules call for a minimum of one nurse for every five patients, compared with existing ratios ranging from 1-to-3 to 1-to-20.

Nurses responded enthusiastically to the requirements, saying they will improve patient care and stem the tide of nurses leaving hospital jobs because of poor working conditions.

"This is the most sweeping systemic health care reform that you're going to see," said Rose Ann DeMoro, executive director of the California Nurses Association, which represents some 40,000 nurses. "This measure will affect every hospital in the state of California."

But the hospital industry said the new rules will be a financial burden and could actually hurt patient care because of a severe nurse shortage in the state.

"Although hospitals will obey the law, the way we meet the law may have unintended consequences," said Jan Emerson, vice president of external affairs for the California Healthcare Association, which represents nearly 500 hospitals in the state.

Already, California hospitals are operating with 15 percent fewer nurses than they need; by 2006, the state is forecast to have a shortage of 25,000 registered nurses.

California ranks second to last among all states in terms of nurses per capita, Emerson said.

The California Healthcare Association estimates that the new regulations will cost hospitals a minimum of $400 million a year in extra wages and benefits.

Some other states are watching how California manages with its proposed staffing requirements.

Including Massachusetts, where lawmakers have discussed a similar plan.

"Nurses across the country are waiting for this. California has put it out there. Now it's going to go across the nation. It's long overdue," said Julie Pinkham, executive director of the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

Amtrak trains to be equiped with wireless Web access

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP) — Passengers on three Amtrak routes will be able to surf the Internet for free on handheld computers as part of a deal between Yahoo! Inc. and Compaq Computer Corp to be announced Wednesday.

For the next six months, special rail cars on some trains will offer travelers five to 10 Web-connected Compaq handhelds, said Christopher Wu, who manages mobile systems for Yahoo. The goal is to demonstrate the ease and utility of wireless Internet links, he said.

Amtrak will gauge passengers' reaction and could equip future trains with wireless Web devices, said spokeswoman Karina Van Veen.

The routes include Amtrak's Acela between Boston and Washington, D.C., its service from Sacramento to San Jose and the line from Chicago to Milwaukee. The cost of the program, which was not disclosed, is being shared by Amtrak, Yahoo and Houston-based Compaq.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo has sponsored similar wireless connections in New York and San Francisco taxis and on commuter planes in Japan.

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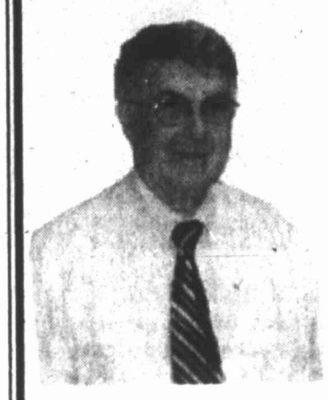
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IN BRIEF

Buffs chalk up win over Bulldogs

Forsan's Buffaloes dealt Coahoma's Bulldogs their first loss in District 3-2A play Tuesday night, rolling to a 64-48 win on their home court.

Zach Johnson and Matt Elllis led the way for the Buffs, scoring 15 points apiece. Wes Longorio and Josh Helmstetler also finished in double figures for Forsan, each finishing with 12 markers.

The Bulldogs were led by Chase Ward's 14 points, while Randall Rich chipped in 10 more.

Forsan improved to 15-8 overall and 2-2 in league play. Coahoma dipped to 3-1 in 3-2A action.

Friday night, Forsan travels to Seagraves, while Coahoma will play host to Plains.

Bryan receives honor from WTPGA again

Larry Bryan, the professional at the Big Spring Country Club, received two awards Monday night during the West Texas chapter of the Northern Texas PGA's annual meeting in Lubbock.

Bryan, who will serve as the association's vice president during the coming year, was honored as recipient of the Houston Smith Award, as well as being named the chapter's player of the year.

National LL slates meeting for Jan. 31

Big Spring's National Little League has scheduled its organizational meeting for the 2002 season for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Allan's Furniture.

Coaches and league officials will be determined during that meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-6278 or 263-1163.

Industrial league meeting scheduled

An meeting for the Men's Industrial Softball League has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at John Wesley's.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

CGA schedules Thursday meeting

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Center.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7:50 p.m. — Texas A&M at Texas, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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6:30 p.m. — Maryland at Wake Forest, ESPN2.

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7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Toronto Raptors, TNT.

9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers, TNT.

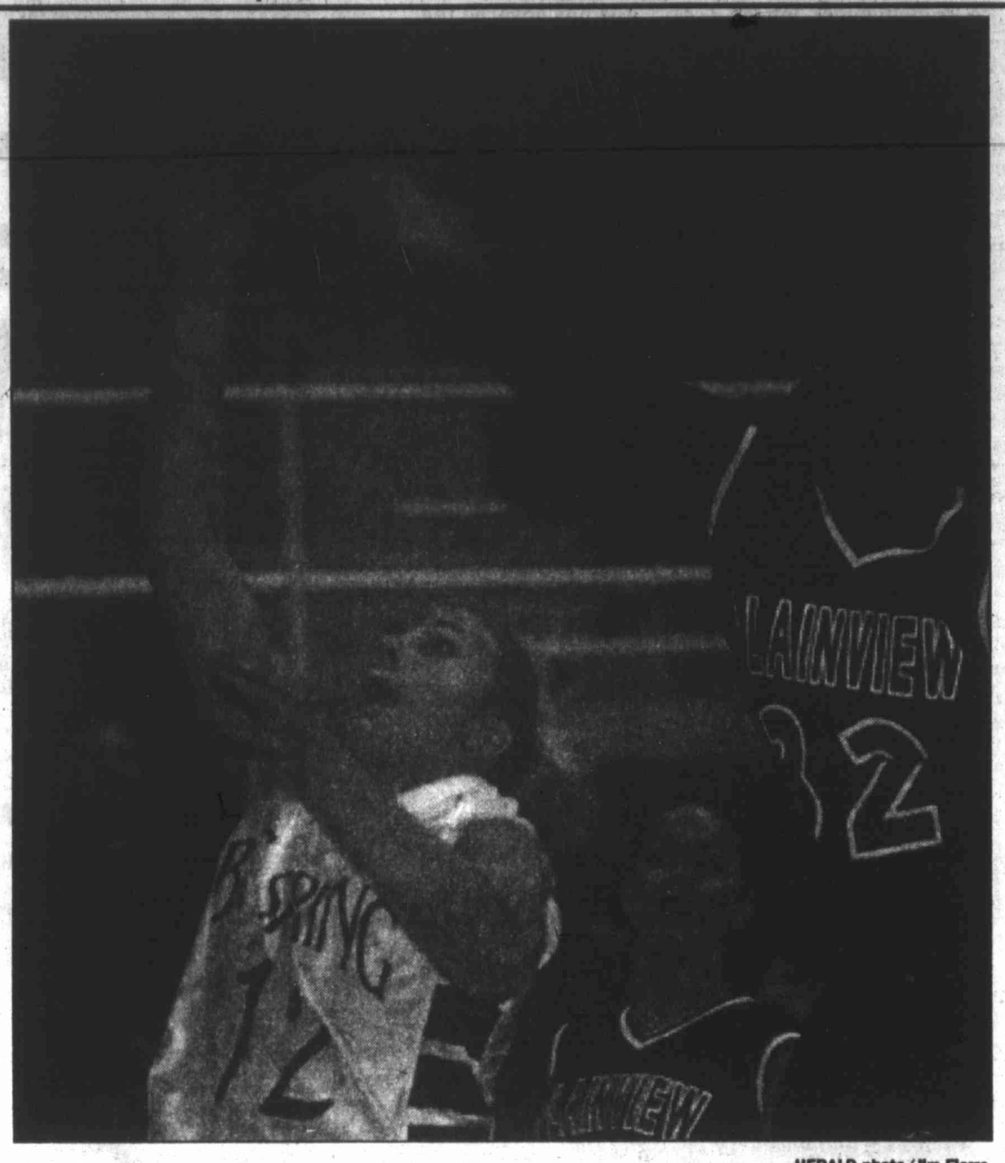
HOCKEY

7 p.m. — San Jose Sharks at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN.

7:30 p.m. — Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars, FXS.

TENNIS

8:30 p.m.— Australian Open, women's semifinals matches, ESPN2.



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Big Spring's Brittany Bryant (12), pictured here in action against Plainview, was one of four Lady Steers players to finish the game with nine points Tuesday night in a 48-44 loss to Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Last-second misses doom Lady Steers

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

The Lady Steers fired off several shots at the basket in the last minute of play but were unable to connect as Snyder eked past Big Spring 48-44 Tuesday in the Steer Gym.

Snyder led by one with less than 60 seconds on the clock, but Big Spring's 28 percent field goal shooting did in the Lady Steers.

Big Spring was forced to foul down the stretch and Snyder pushed the lead to four to close out the game.

"We had several chances, but we just couldn't score," head coach Jimmy Avery said.

The loss drops Big Spring to 11-14 and 2-8 in District 4-4A. Snyder improves to 12-14 and 3-7.

Big Spring found itself in a 21-11 hole in the second quarter but the Lady Steers press, which was effective all night long generated a succession of turnovers leading to several Big Spring baskets.

"We were behind 21-11 and all of a sudden we got four steals off of the press," Avery said. "It was the only way we could generate any points was off of our press."

Big Spring stole the ball 15 times during the course of the evening. Tejal Patel and Leina Braxton collected four apiece, while Jessica Woodward had three. Courtney Brock swiped the ball twice.

Junior Krystle Long's conventional three-point play in the second quarter narrowed the gap and her field goal minutes later brought the Lady Steers within 22-18 before intermission.

She got plenty of help from the senior Patel who had three buckets before half.

The Lady Tigers hit five field goals in the third quar-

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Coahoma's Ward, Hill earn spots on all-state team

From staff and wire reports

Running back Adam Harvey, who led Celina to the Division II state championship, was named Tuesday as Offensive Player of the Year on the Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A All-State Football Team.

Two Coahoma players earned honors on the squad, as Bulldogs punter Chase Ward was placed on the second-team defense, while running back Cory Hill was a third-team selection.

Harvey rushed for 1,803 yards on 295 carries with 27 touchdowns.

Lee Griffith, a linebacker for Garrison, was named Defensive Player of the Year. He had 95 tackles, including 12 quarterback sacks and 12 quarterback pressures. Griffith also blocked a punt against Celina in the title game.

G.A. Moore, who led Celina to their fourth straight 2A title, was named Coach of the Year. He has 390 all-time wins.

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TSWA Class 2A
2001 All-State Team
FIRST TEAM:
Offense:

Linemen — Brian Babbitt, Celina, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Jason Long, Celina, 6-7, 260, Sr.; Yancy Boatner, Hamilton, 6-5, 335, Sr.; and Morgan Guidry, Alto, 6-3, 230, Sr.

Oenter — (tie) Casey Willmon, Hamilton, 6-2, 205, Jr. and Houston Baumgartner, Blanco, 5-10, 180, Sr.

Tight end — William Wood, Garrison, 6-4, 280, Sr.

Wide receivers — Juan Gamez, Hull-Daisetta, 6-0, 170, Sr. and James Elliott, Sonora, 6-3, 185, Sr.

Quarterback — Jordan Martin, Celina, 6-2, 165, Sr.

Running backs — Adam Harvey, Celina, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Matthew Bures, Ganado, 5-9, 185, Sr.; and Phillip Graves, Hutto, 6-1, 190, Sr.

Placekicker — Josh Pursche, Rogers, 5-9, 150, soph.

Defense:

Linemen — William Wood, Garrison, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Marcus Draper, Bangs, 6-1, 235, Jr.; Ryan Pollard, Garrison, 6-2, 240, Sr.; and Landry Scott, Celina, 6-3, 210, Sr. L

Linebackers — Ryan Connor, Celina, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Thomas Bloodworth, Sonora, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Colby Witt, Mart, 5-10, 185, Sr.; and (tie) Lee Griffith, Garrison, 5-11, 205, Sr. and Sean Pruett, Blanco, 5-11, 200, Sr.

Secondary — Matt Hackney, Alto, 5-8, 150, Sr.; Justin Bane, Rogers, 6-3, 170, Jr.; Will Doyle, Wall, Sr.; and Keldrick Holman, Hemphill, 6-1, 180, Sr.

Punter — Jared Scruggs, Hutto, 6-0, 175, Sr.

Kick-returner — Blake Warren, Arp, 5-8, 165, Jr.

Offensive Player of the Year — Adam Harvey, Celina, 6-0, 210, Sr.

Defensive Player of the Year — Lee Griffith, Garrison, 5-11, 205, Sr.

Coach of the Year — G.A. Moore, Celina.

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SECOND TEAM:
Offense:

Linemen — Francisco Meza, Henrietta, 6-1, 253, Sr.; Rodney Lomas, Rogers, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Emie Rios, Blanco, 5-10, 190, Sr.; and Alex Hernandez, Refugio, 6-1, 270, Sr.

Center — Jesse Brown, Hughes Springs, 6-4, 275, Sr.

Tight end — Claburne Lindley, Holliday, Sr.

Wide receivers — Dakota Caldwell, 6-5, 200, Jr. and Clint Barthold, Valley View, 6-1, 165, Sr.

Quarterback — Nick Smith, Whitewright, Sr.

Running backs — Quincy Cosby, Mart, 5-10, 200, Sr.; William Renfro, Sonora, 5-11, 185, Sr.; and (tie) Delbert Davis, Garrison, 5-9, 180, Sr. and Muhammad Weusi Blanco, 5-10, 175, Sr.

Placekicker — Ryan Bevel, East Chambers, 6-2, 200, Sr.

Defense:

Linemen — Michael Arrietta, Kenedy, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Mark Lindsey, Centerville, 6-1, 232, Sr.; Eddie Serna, Kerens, 5-11, 220, Sr.; and Francisco Meza, Henrietta, 6-1, 253, Sr.

Linebackers — Brad Martin, Hamilton, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Sean Randle, Hemphill, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Tad Scott, Alto, 6-3, 195, soph.; and Torin Green, Rosebud-Lott, 6-0, 170, soph.

Secondary — Jared May, Hamlin, 5-5, 120, Sr.; Wayne Scott, Centerville, 6-0, 170, Sr.; Andrew Hohenberger, Hamlin, 5-10, 150, Sr.; and Jacob Kilcrease, Kerens, 5-10, 165, Sr.

Punter — **Chase Ward, Coahoma.**

Kick-returner — Matthew Bures, Ganado, 5-9, 185, Sr.

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THIRD TEAM:
Offense:

Linemen — Aaron Deiterich, Mart, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Milo Hall, Arp, 5-10, 205, Sr.; Tell Stephens, Bangs, 6-0, 230, Sr.; and (tie) John Droll, Italy, 6-0, 235, Sr. and Stephen Ferguson, Hico, 6-3, 240, Sr.

Center — Grant Heil, Centerville, 6-1, 195, Jr.

Tight end — (tie) Jeremy Tillett, Van Alstyne, 5-11, 205, Sr., Michael Green, Hamlin, 6-3, 205, Jr., and Ranie Branson, Van Vleck, 6-2, 220, Sr.

Wide receivers — Dustin McKleod, Mason, 5-11, 160, Sr. and Blake Warren, Arp, 5-8, 170, Jr.

Quarterback — (tie) Keldrick Holman, Hemphill, 6-1, 180, Sr., Chris Noland, Valley View, 6-0, 200, Jr., and Wade Pate, Arp, 6-2, 185, Jr.

Running backs — Kenny Davis, Centerville, 5-7, 150, Sr.; **Cory Hill, Coahoma, 5-11, 205, Sr.**; and (tie) Larrin Porter, Como-Pickton, 5-9, 155, Sr. and Dewayne Morning, Trinity, 5-10, 175, Jr.

Placekicker — Chris Bibb, Blanco, 5-11, 180, Sr.

Defense:

Linemen — Willis Washington, Hemphill, 6-1, 215, Sr.; Anthony Potts, Arp, 5-7, 170, Sr.; William Jackson, Whitewright, Jr.; and (tie) Jacorian Weathered, Hemphill, 5-6, 190, Jr., Joe Neumann, Ganado, 5-11, 196, Sr.; and Ben Andrews, Little River-Academy, 5-8, 175, Jr.

Linebackers — Gavin Hurth, Mart, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Lu Bledsoe, Hawkins, 6-2, 185, Sr.; Joseph Mann, Blanco, 5-10, 190, Sr.; and Kelsey Hite, Goldthwaite, 6-3, 220, Sr.

Secondary — Mike Giles, Elysian Fields, 6-1, 205, Sr.; Justin Coalson, Hamilton, 6-1, 165, Sr.; Christian Austin, Big Sandy, 5-11, 180, Sr.; and Kevin Stroud, Lone Oak, Sr.

Punter — Carlos Gonzales, Louise, 140, Sr.

Kick-returner — Delbert Davis, Garrison, 5-9, 180, Sr.

Howard hopes to bounce back facing NMJC

Hawks taking nothing for granted

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

The last time Howard College lined up against New Mexico Junior College, they walked away with an 83-70 win early in the season.

But Hawks head coach Chris Jans said that doesn't mean they are taking Thursday's home contest with NMJC for granted. Howard beat a pesky Midland squad in the preseason but lost a 59-50 decision Monday at the Chap Center.

"That will be a lesson for our guys," Jans said. "Two months ago has no relevance. A lot of things have changed since then. That was proven (Monday) night.

"It's probably more motivation for the other team. It's easier to get motivated than if you've beat a team."

Howard beat the Thunderbirds, 83-70, at a neutral site in late November.

"I don't think they've changed a whole bunch since then," Jans said. "They have guys who can jump up and make shots. We have to figure out how to match up with them. We need to get our personnel to match up.

"I hope our match-up can pose a problem for them. Our size and our guys have to realize that and pound the ball inside. We're taller and bigger and have a post presence. We have guys who have the ability to score on the block."

Sophomore Rodney Blackstock hit 20 points and Van Jamison of Vance, S.C., grabbed a team-high nine of 37 Hawk rebounds in their first outing. The Hawks shot a salty 34-of-61 from the floor, including 9-22 from behind the arc.

The Thunderbirds stats were a little off as they were 25-of-61 and 7-of-16 from the three-point line. NMJC committed 13 turnovers and stole the ball from the Hawks eight times.

Howard will have to stop a slew of Thunderbird players who score in double figures. Tareick Leach is averaging 16.4 ppg and 3.26 rebounds. Jason Gant, who scored a season-high 31 points and grabbed 16 rebounds two weeks ago in a 96-92 high-scoring conference-opener against Clarendon College is averaging 12.5 ppg and 9.86 rebounds.

Victor Colon is their third player in double figures making 11.1 ppg and grabbing 4.7 boards.

"They've got a couple of guys - Leach, who is kind of a big strong guard and who is strong off the dribble," Jans said. "Colon is another guard, who is more of a shooter where Leach is a driver. Gant is kind of an undersized post player and is a big strong kid. His ability is he can play inside and out.

"They are similar to Clarendon. They don't have a big inside presence but they like to play hard and have a bunch who like to jump up and make problems."

Even though, Howard dropped its second conference game Monday to Midland College, he said many positives came out of the game, particularly their effort on the boards.

"I liked our defensive intensity. We caused 24 turnovers. We only gave up four offensive rebounds. Our focus was on (Jeremiah) Coleman and (D') Hudson: those two guys hurt us. We fell asleep defensively and lost them and they made some open shots and it gave them some confidence.

"Being down 17 with 15 minutes to go and then being down four being able to cut it to one or two. If we get in a situation like that in the second half, we know we can come back and have a chance to win it."

Lady Hawks after first league win

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Howard College's Lady Hawks hope to use their home-court advantage Thursday against New Mexico Junior College to put a two-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference losing streak to an end.

Head coach Joey Wells will use Thursday's 5:50 p.m. tip-off at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as a fresh start for his young charges.

After dropping games to Clarendon and Midland, the Lady Hawks need to rebound to get in the thick of the conference race. And Wells believes they will do so against the Lady Thunderbirds.

NMJC is sporting an 8-9 record and 0-3 in conference play. Howard is 7-11 and 1-2. New Mexico has dropped conference games to Midland, Frank Phillips, and Clarendon.

Their latest conference loss was a 10-point deficit Monday to FPC in Borger.

But Howard is stinging from a 93-56 Monday shellacking by Midland College – the 2000-01 National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Tournament champions.

Midland led 20-5 early in the first quarter, and Howard pulled to within 34-26, but the Lady Chaps ended the first half of play with a sizable 43-27 lead.

"One thing I have learned with the group I have is you've got to stay positive," Well said. "They don't step up to challenges, which is frustrating. So, we've got two practices that we're going to try and refine some things and talk about unselfish play and defining good shots and bad shots."

Wells and his staff will use those practices to find the most cohesive group of players who will follow his game plan.

"We have yet to find a good combination of players for us in terms of people who are going to be unselfish," Wells said. "We've got people who are going for a 15-footer instead of making a pass to someone with an open 3-footer. It's just one of those things.

"We go into games with a game plan, and we've got two or three people who are buying into it and two who aren't buying into it and they are messing things up."

The Lady Hawks will shuffle their starters and go with a faster, smaller squad. Wells' taller line-up didn't produce the rebounds he wanted in the Midland game.

Midland grabbed more offensive boards the first half than Howard's total rebounds. The Lady Chaps worked for 20 offensive rebounds in the first half, while Howard had 17 rebounds in the first 20 minutes.

"That explains the game right there," Wells said.

But they will have to find a way to slow down NMJC, which averages 75 points a game.

"They can score," he said. "But they're a lot like us. They don't do that good of a job defensively."

Tiffany Washington leads all Lady T-birds with 16.2 ppg, 10.3 rebounds and 3 steals. Washington is third in the WJCAC in scoring and second in rebounding.

"Washington is one of their better players," he said. "We've got to contain her and Brittany Crouch (15.7 ppg, 5.25 reb.). They are their two main players. Tiffany gets all of her shots off rebounding. But she hustles, that's why she gets so many points. Brittany doesn't take bad shots. She's shooting one of the higher percentages in our conference."

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TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in Th
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1. Duke (72)
2. Kansas
3. Maryland
4. Cincinnati
5. Florida
6. Oklahoma
7. Virginia
8. Kentucky
9. Illinois
10. Arizona
11. Oklahoma St.
12. Syracuse
13. UCLA
14. Alabama
15. Georgia
16. Gonzaga
17. Stanford
18. Missouri
19. Oregon
20. Ohio St.
21. Wake Forest
22. Miami
23. Southern Cal
24. Texas
25. Connecticut

TOP 25 - WOM

The top 25 teams in The
women's college basketball
votes in parentheses and re
20:

1. Connecticut (45)
2. Tennessee
3. Stanford
4. Oklahoma
5. Duke
6. Vanderbilt
7. South Carolina
8. Louisiana Tech
9. Wisconsin
10. Purdue
11. Kansas St.
12. Texas Tech
13. Texas
14. Iowa St.
15. Baylor
16. Virginia Tech
17. Georgia
18. Florida
19. Colorado St.
20. Colorado
21. North Carolina
22. Auburn
23. Minnesota
24. Boston College
25. Old Dominion

NAIA - MEN

Through Jan. 20

1. Biola, Calif. (7)
2. Georgetown, Ky. (3)
3. Oklahoma Baptist (2)
4. Southern Poly Tech, Ga.
5. Mountain State, Vt.
6. Freed-Hardeman, Tenn.
7. Dillard, La.
8. Cumberland, Ky.
9. McKendree, Ill.
9. Union, Tenn.
11. Azusa Pacific, Calif.
12. Barat, Ill.
13. Spring Hill, Ala.
14. Columbia, Mo.
15. Carroll, Mont.
16. Olivet Nazarene, Ill.
17. Westmont, Calif.
18. Southern-New Orleans
19. Science & Arts, Okla.
20. Pikesville, Ky.
21. Wayland Bapist, Texas
22. Oklahoma Christian
23. Oklahoma City
24. Faulkner, Ala.
25. Houston Baptist, Texas

NAIA - WOME

Through Jan. 22

1. Southern Nazarene, Okla. (
2. Union, Tenn. (4)
3. Oklahoma City
4. North Georgia
5. Montana-Western
6. Campbellsville, Ky.
7. Houston Baptist, Texas
8. Cumberland, Ky.
9. Oklahoma Christian
10. Lambuth, Tenn.
11. Oklahoma Baptist
12. Central State, Ohio
13. Freed-Hardeman, Tenn.
14. Fresno Pacific, Calif.
15. Brescia, Ky.
15. Georgetown, Ky.
17. Mobile, Ala.
18. Dillard, La.
19. Azusa Pacific, Calif.
20. Columbia, Mo.
21. Xavier, La.
22. Trevecca Nazarene, Tenn.
23. Montana State-Northern
24. Jarvis Christian, Texas
25. Life, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL

The boys' and girls' high s
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Basketball Coaches. Records
played through Friday, Jan. 18:
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Division 1
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TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 20:

	Record
1. Duke (72)	16-1
2. Kansas	15-2
3. Maryland	14-3
4. Cincinnati	17-1
5. Florida	15-2
6. Oklahoma	14-2
7. Virginia	12-2
8. Kentucky	12-4
9. Illinois	14-4
10. Arizona	13-4
11. Oklahoma St.	15-3
12. Syracuse	16-3
13. UCLA	13-4
14. Alabama	16-3
15. Georgia	15-3
16. Gonzaga	16-3
17. Stanford	11-4
18. Missouri	14-4
19. Oregon	14-4
20. Ohio St.	14-2
21. Wake Forest	13-5
22. Miami	17-2
23. Southern Cal	14-3
24. Texas	13-4
25. Connecticut	12-3

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 20:

	Record
1. Connecticut (45)	20-0
2. Tennessee	16-1
3. Stanford	18-1
4. Oklahoma	15-2
5. Duke	15-3
6. Vanderbilt	18-3
7. South Carolina	17-2
8. Louisiana Tech	12-3
9. Wisconsin	16-2
10. Purdue	14-3
11. Kansas St.	17-2
12. Texas Tech	11-5
13. Texas	13-3
14. Iowa St.	14-4
15. Baylor	14-3
16. Virginia Tech	15-2
17. Georgia	13-4
18. Florida	13-5
19. Colorado St.	15-3
20. Colorado	13-6
21. North Carolina	14-4
22. Auburn	14-4
23. Minnesota	14-3
24. Boston College	14-3
25. Old Dominion	11-5

NAIA - MEN

Through Jan. 20

	Record
1. Biola, Calif. (7)	19-0
2. Georgetown, Ky. (3)	23-0
3. Oklahoma Baptist (2)	20-0
4. Southern Poly Tech, Ga.	16-1
5. Mountain State, Vt.	17-2
6. Freed-Hardeman, Tenn.	22-2
7. Dillard, La.	19-3
8. Cumberland, Ky.	16-3
9. McKendree, Ill.	20-3
9. Union, Tenn.	18-3
11. Azusa Pacific, Calif.	14-4
12. Barat, Ill.	21-2
13. Spring Hill, Ala.	15-4
14. Columbia, Mo.	19-3
15. Carroll, Mont.	17-5
16. Olivet Nazarene, Ill.	14-5
17. Westmont, Calif.	13-5
18. Southern-New Orleans	11-3
19. Science & Arts, Okla.	9-3
20. Pikesville, Ky.	13-5
21. Wayland Bapist, Texas	11-6
22. Oklahoma Christian	13-3
23. Oklahoma City	12-2
24. Faulkner, Ala.	12-6
25. Houston Baptist, Texas	14-7

NAIA - WOMEN

Through Jan. 22

	Record
1. Southern Nazarene, Okla. (8)	16-2
2. Union, Tenn. (4)	17-2
3. Oklahoma City	17-1
4. North Georgia	18-1
5. Montana-Western	19-3
6. Campbellsville, Ky.	16-4
7. Houston Baptist, Texas	17-4
8. Cumberland, Ky.	15-4
9. Oklahoma Christian	15-4
10. Lambuth, Tenn.	17-4
11. Oklahoma Baptist	15-5
12. Central State, Ohio	16-1
13. Freed-Hardeman, Tenn.	16-4
14. Fresno Pacific, Calif.	17-4
15. Brescia, Ky.	17-5
15. Georgetown, Ky.	14-6
17. Mobile, Ala.	15-4
18. Dillard, La.	14-3
19. Azusa Pacific, Calif.	14-4
20. Columbia, Mo.	19-2
21. Xavier, La.	14-4
22. Trevecca Nazarene, Tenn.	12-6
23. Montana State-Northern	19-3
24. Jarvis Christian, Texas	12-4
25. Life, Ga.	12-8

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The boys' and girls' high school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records reflect games played through Friday, Jan. 18:

BOYS
Class A
Division 1
1. Kennard 19-4
2. Wortham 19-1
3. Brock 19-6
4. O'Donnell 18-1
5. Crosbyton 21-2
6. Charlotte 19-4
7. Tenaha 8-3
8. Farwell 18-6
9. Lipan 20-6
10. Snook 16-4

Divison 2
1. Goodrich 22-2
2. Utopia 22-1
3. Round Top-Carmine 21-3
4. Saltillo 24-0
5. Brookeland 18-4
6. Fannindel 15-2
7. Nazareth 16-3
8. New Home 17-2
9. Fort Elliott 23-4
10. Huckabay 21-5

Class 2A
1. Krum 23-1
2. West Rusk 16-4
3. Pilot Point 18-5
4. Brazos 19-3
5. Edgewood 23-1
6. Abernathy 19-3
7. Rosebud-Lott 18-3
8. Peaster 18-6
9. Sundown 17-4
10. Little River Academy 20-2

Class 3A
1. Kountze 21-3
2. Gainesville 16-6
3. Clarksville 20-2
4. Hardin-Jefferson 19-4
5. Lufkin Hudson 23-2
6. Pittsburg 22-0
7. Everman 15-8
8. Newton 13-3
9. Wimberley 18-2
10. Waco LaVega 20-2

Class 4A
1. Beaumont Ozen 20-2
2. Dallas Lincoln 25-0
3. North Crowley 22-3
4. San Antonio Sam Houston 25-1
5. Fort Worth Dunbar 22-2
6. Austin LBJ 21-3
7. Texas City 18-3
8. Houston Jones 20-2
9. San Antonio Alamo Heights 24-4
10. Belton 21-3

Class 5A
1. Cedar Hill 21-1
2. The Colony 18-2
3. Fort Bend Hightower 24-2
4. Houston Cypress Springs 20-3
5. A&M Consolidated 22-4
6. San Antonio Taft 21-3
7. Pflugerville 21-3
8. San Antonio Reagan 21-3
9. Aldine Nimitz 21-3
10. Victoria Memorial 20-4

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GIRLS
Class A
Division 1
1. Brock 24-2
2. LaRue LaPoynor 25-2
3. Sudan 18-5
4. Kennard 18-4
5. Smyer 18-4
6. Moulton 25-2
7. Quinlan Boles 24-4
8. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn 19-3
9. Baird 22-2
10. Era 20-3

Division 2
1. Nazareth 23-1
2. Whitharral 23-2
3. Saltillo 22-2
4. Priddy 22-2
5. Hedley 21-2
6. Gordon 21-1
7. Gail Borden County 20-5
8. Woodson 21-4
9. Throckmorton 16-6
10. Lingleville 20-5

Class 2A
1. Gunter 24-1
2. Cisco 24-1
3. Kerens 22-3
4. Buffalo 20-6
5. Wall 19-2
6. Port Aransas 25-2
7. Frankston 21-4
8. Boyd 22-3
9. Seagraves 23-1
10. Leonard 21-4

Class 3A
1. Winnsboro 22-5
2. Perryton 23-2
3. Liberty-Eylau 18-5
4. Llano 21-4
5. Muleshoe 22-3
6. Shallowater 21-4
7. Groesbeck 21-3
8. Canton 22-2
9. Slaton 19-3
10. Atlanta 19-2

Class 4A
1. Plainview 23-1
2. Canyon 23-1
3. Dallas Lincoln 14-3
4. Brenham 21-4
5. Medina Valley 23-2
6. Granbury 24-4
7. Angleton 22-3
8. Port Arthur Jefferson 24-3
9. Levelland 22-5
10. Amarillo Palo Duro 20-8

Class 5A
1. Mansfield 24-3
2. Euless Trinity 26-2
3. Duncanville 24-4
4. Spring Westfield 24-1
5. Houston Madison 26-2
6. Fort Bend Hightower 22-1
7. Amarillo 25-4
8. Houston Jersey Village 26-2
9. Weatherford 23-2
10. Tyler John Tyler 25-2

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	13	.683	—
Boston	24	16	.600	3 1/2
Orlando	22	21	.512	7
Philadelphia	20	21	.488	8
Washington	19	20	.487	8
New York	14	25	.359	13
Miami	14	26	.350	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	14	.650	—
Toronto	24	18	.571	3
Indiana	22	21	.512	5 1/2
Detroit	19	20	.487	6 1/2
Charlotte	19	21	.475	7
Atlanta	14	27	.342	12 1/2
Cleveland	13	28	.317	13 1/2
Chicago	8	33	.195	18 1/2

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	10	.750	—
Dallas	30	12	.714	1
San Antonio	27	12	.692	2 1/2
Utah	22	19	.537	8 1/2
Denver	13	28	.317	17 1/2
Houston	13	29	.310	18
Memphis	12	28	.300	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	31	10	.756	—
L.A. Lakers	28	10	.737	1 1/2
Seattle	21	19	.525	9 1/2
Phoenix	21	20	.512	10
Portland	21	20	.512	10
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	10 1/2
Golden State	13	27	.325	17 1/2

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Tuesday's Games
Miami 92, Chicago 79
Orlando 100, Atlanta 86
Phoenix 92, Milwaukee 81
Philadelphia 91, Washington 84
Dallas 113, Houston 107
New Jersey 92, San Antonio 86
Denver 107, L.A. Lakers 91
Portland 116, Sacramento 110, OT

Today's Games
Indiana at Boston, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	29	13	6	1	65	154	111
N.Y. Islanders	24	17	5	2	55	133	130
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	4	3	53	138	153
New Jersey	20	19	6	3	49	119	120
Pittsburgh	19	22	5	2	45	108	133

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	26	13	3	7	62	141	115
Toronto	26	15	5	4	61	147	122
Ottawa	25	17	5	3	58	155	125
Montreal	20	21	7	2	49	131	137
Buffalo	20	24	4	1	45	130	128

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	22	18	7	5	56	143	155
Washington	20	23	8	0	48	138	153
Tampa Bay	18	23	5	2	43	96	109
Florida	16	27	3	3	38	102	148
Atlanta	12	29	6	3	33	119	179

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	9	4	2	74	155	107
Chicago	29	14	9	0	67	149	135
St. Louis	27	12	6	3	63	139	107
Nashville	18	23	8	0	44	124	130
Columbus	13	28	7	1	34	96	138

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	27	16	6	1	61	125	101
Edmonton	24	19	7	2	57	133	123
Calgary	20	19	8	2	50	119	130
Vancouver	22	24	4	1	49	147	140
Minnesota	17	21	8	3	45	119	142

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	14	6	3	59	141	117
Dallas	23	16	6	4	56	134	128
Los Angeles	22	18	7	2	53	129	113
Phoenix	19	18	7	4	49	116	126
Anaheim	14	29	6	3	37	109	134

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

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Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
N.Y. Rangers 5, N.Y. Islanders 4
Washington 3, Atlanta 0
Toronto 6, Calgary 1

Today's Games
St. Louis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Boston at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9
Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Sunday, Jan. 13
Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15
Baltimore 20, Miami 3

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Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 19
Philadelphia 33, Chicago 19
New England 16, Oakland 13, OT
Sunday, Jan. 20
Pittsburgh 27, Baltimore 10
St. Louis 45, Green Bay 17

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Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 27
AFC Championship
New England at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
NFC Championship
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.

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Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 5 p.m.

NCAA SCORES

MEN'S GAMES
EAST
Hartford 67, Dartmouth 65, OT
Manhattan 67, Marist 62
Pittsburgh 72, Syracuse 57
Providence 70, Rutgers 55
SOUTH
Jacksonville St. 59, Samford 56
Kentucky 69, Auburn 62
Stetson 68, Jacksonville 58
UCF 62, Florida Atlantic 56
Virginia 69, Georgia Tech 65
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 75, Toledo 61
Cincinnati 54, Saint Louis 50
Creighton 67, Wichita St. 55
Iowa 75, Michigan St. 71
Kent St. 91, Buffalo 53
N. Illinois 78, Miami (Ohio) 70
Ohio 80, E. Michigan 66
FAR WEST
Colorado 85, Kansas St. 71

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WOMEN'S GAMES
EAST
C.W. Post 61, St. Thomas Aquinas 57, OT
Clark U. 76, Tufts 62
Colby-Sawyer 59, Gordon 54
Curry 50, New England 40
Dominican, N.Y. 78, Nyack 65
E. Connecticut 54, W. Connecticut 40
Elms 70, Becker 52
Fitchburg St. 55, Framingham St. 49
Geneseo St. 85, Utica Tech 42
Geneva 60, Point Park 53
Hartwick 65, Elmira 34
Ithaca 56, Utica 50
Keene St. 77, Plymouth St. 69
Lasell 70, Mount Ida 66
Manhattan 81, Marist 71
Mercyhurst 78, Edinboro 73
Molloy 56, Bridgeport 53
Rhode Island Coll. 66, Mass.-Dartmouth 64
Roberts Wesleyan 74, Houghton 62
Roger Williams 67, E. Nazarene 21
S. Maine 76, Mass.-Boston 58
Salve Regina 73, Wentworth Tech 29
Smith 59, Mount Holyoke 45
Springfield 61, Worcester Tech 47
St. Joseph's, L.I. 80, Old Westbury 74
Trinity, Conn. 68, Westfield St. 52
Wellesley 52, MIT 27
William Smith 65, Hamilton 51
Worcester St. 76, Bridgewater, Mass. 59
SOUTH
Alice Lloyd 68, Kentucky Christian 56
Asbury 64, Midway 58
Bowie St. 85, Virginia Union 61
Brescia 80, Lindsey Wilson 73
Campbellsville 104, Wilberforce 96
Central St., Ohio 109, Kentucky St. 59
Davidson 103, ETSU 88
Delaware St. 65, Savannah St. 42
E. Mennonite 66, Va. Wesleyan 53
Emory & Henry 71, Lynchburg 58
Ferrum 76, Greensboro 55
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Spalding 86, Oakland City 82
St. Augustine's 79, Johnson C. Smith 68
Tougaloo 75, Loyola, NO 58
Transylvania 54, Union, Ky. 38
UNC-Greensboro 74, W. Carolina 70
Union, Tenn. 90, Cumberland, Tenn. 68
MIDWEST
Aquinas 64, Siena Heights 60
Aurora 87, Dominican, Ill. 58
Avila 92, Cent. Christian 55
Ball St. 99, Akron 55
Benedictine,Ill. 73, Eureka 64
Cardinal Stritch 61, Trinity Christian 50
Cornell, Iowa 78, Dubuque 73
Madonna 76, Indiana Tech 60
Mount Vernon Nazarene 66, Urbana 63
Nebraska-Kearney 59, Fort Hays St. 35
Northland 67, Martin Luther 58
Ohio Dominican 103, Notre Dame, Ohio 59
Olivet Nazarene 90, Illinois Tech 39
Park 60, Missouri Valley 58
Purdue-Calumet 74, Trinity, Ill. 66
Shawnee St. 68, Rio Grande 66
Simpson, Iowa 65, Luther 55
Spring Arbor 74, Cornerstone 73
St. Francis, Ind. 96, Taylor-Fort Wayne 27
Taylor 78, Bethel, Ind. 64
Tri-State 67, Concordia, Mich. 39
Walsh 79, Malone 70
SOUTHWEST
Texas 73, Missouri 61
FAR WEST
Linfield 54, Whitman 40
Master's 65, Hope 38
Mesa, Colo. 59, Western St., Colo. 40
Occidental 85, Cal-Tech 16
Vanguard 76, Cal Baptist 43

LADY STEERS

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ter outscoring Big Spring 15-9. Ashley Smith had two baskets, while Long and Braxton hit one apiece, as Snyder held onto a formidable 37-27 lead.

But Big Spring had just put a full tank of gas in their offense, as senior Brittany Bryant and Braxton hit long-range bombs from behind the stripe. Patel, who grabbed a team-high five boards made another field goal.

And the Lady Steers, who had shot a combined 6-of-13 from the free throw line in the first half were 9-of-10 in the fourth period from the charity stripe. Bryant was 4-for-4, while Long and Braxton hit their two.

Trailing by one with a minute to play, Big Spring went on a dry spell and was unable to score.

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SNYDER 48,
LADY STEERS 44

SNYDER — Kelby Drum 1 0-1 2; Taylor Daniell 0 4-4 4; Hailey Putnam 2 0-2 4; April Lollar 0 0-0 0; Chaelyn Robinson 1 8-12 10; Zipporah Peoples 1 2-2 4; Dara Chambers 0 0-0 0; Afton Schwertner 4 0-2 8; Erin Burleson 3 2-6 8; Kentara McDonald 0 0-0 0; Amber Russell 3 1-2 8 Totals: 15 17-31 48.

BIG SPRING — Tejal Patel 4 1-4 9; Brittany Bryant 1 6-6 9; Alex Watkins 0 0-0 0; Courtney Brock 0 2-2 2; Krystle Long 3 3-3 9; Jessica Woodward 0 1-2 1; Leine Braxton 3 2-3 9; Ashley Smith 2 1-3 5. Totals: 13 16-23 44.

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Russell). Big Spring 2 (Bryant, Braxton). **Total fouls:** Snyder 22. Big Spring 25. **Fouled out:** Patel. **Technical fouls:** None. **Records:** Snyder is 12-14 and 3-7. Big Spring is 11-14 and 2-8.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

TXU Electric Company and its successor transmission and distribution utility ("TXU Electric") hereby publishes notice that on or about December 31, 2001, TXU Electric, together with the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and various other parties interested in TXU Electric's rates and services, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("P.U.C.") a Stipulation and Joint Application for Approval Thereof, Including a Request for Expedited Interim Relief ("Stipulation"). The primary purpose of this filing is to seek the P.U.C.'s approval of a settlement entered into by the parties filing the Stipulation. If the settlement is approved, TXU Electric will recover its regulatory assets through the issuance of $1.3 billion of transition bonds; TXU Electric's non-regulatory asset stranded costs will be set at $0.0; TXU Electric will refund $350 million to retail electric providers before January 1, 2004; in 2004 and 2005, under certain conditions, TXU Electric will pay a credit to retail electric providers serving price-to-beat customers; TXU Electric will not seek further recovery of its December 31, 2001 unrecovered fuel balance; and TXU Electric will not conduct a fuel reconciliation proceeding related to fuel used prior to December 31, 2001 and will not file a 2001 Annual Report pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Section 39.257.

In addition, if the settlement is approved by the P.U.C. and becomes final, numerous cases pending at the P.U.C. and in various courts will be resolved, including the following:

- *Remand of Docket No. 21527 (Application of TXU Electric Company for Financing Order to Securitize Regulatory Assets and Other Qualified Costs)*, PUC Docket No. 24892;
- *Application of TXU Electric Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rate Pursuant to PURA § 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule § 25.344, PUC Docket No. 22350*, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1015;
- *Remand of Docket No. 9300 (Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Authority to Change Rates)*, PUC Docket No. 22652, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1968;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-02885 in the Travis County District Court, 353rd Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-03687 in the Travis County District Court, 200th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03171 in the Travis County District Court, 345th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03825 in the Travis County District Court, 53rd Judicial District;
- *Texas Utilities Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. 96-10874 in the Travis County District Court, 261st Judicial District;
- *In re: TXU Electric Company*, No. 01-0547 in the Supreme Court of Texas; and
- Any appeal by TXU Electric of the Commission's adoption of Substantive Rule 25.263.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 24:

Your sense of direction comes through time and time again. Do not hesitate to ask for more of what you want from others in your life. You have a way of inspiring nearly everyone around you, except, perhaps, a child. You will feel the need to express your creativity in a valid, concrete form. Share your ideas more often. If single, you will meet many people and discover that you could have your pick of suitors. Summer 2002 could be unusually loving, no matter what your status. If attached, the two of you will create much more of what you want together. Many could be parents or grandparents for the first time. Laugh with GEMINI.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Add more emotion to your communication. Others need to hear the meaning of your words in your voice. When you express yourself in this manner, others listen. A meeting allows everyone to dream about what could be. Join in. Why be the voice of sanity? Tonight: A gathering goes late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)*** When you actually look at the facts and figures, you cannot deny what is true for you. You need to cut back once more. Brainstorm with a boss, but don't volunteer more time without compensation. Allow your creativity to speak. Tonight: Pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** The moon in your sign helps you christen key projects. Your ability to understand others could be less reliable than usual. Be more imaginative. Ask more questions. Ask people how they really feel. Your popularity soars because of your efforts. Tonight: Make an important call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Stand back from emotional issues. Quite possibly you see situations through a dingy haze right now. Listen to a partner or friend who often inspires you. Finding a middle ground could be difficult. Don't take on any new projects. Tonight: Do for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Speak your mind. Be direct with a friend who often makes many demands. Your personality draws many toward you. New possibilities happen as a result. Brainstorm with others. Let them know how valuable of an asset you consider them to be. Tonight: Start the weekend early, if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You're in the limelight. Others look to you for answers. The good news is that you achieve the results you want, though you might have a problem with others. You might need to be abnormally stern with an associate or someone you're usually playful with. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You're able to read between the lines with someone who doesn't see eye to eye with you. Perhaps what this person doesn't say is far more important. Use your imagination to fill in the gaps. Open up a discussion with this person, until you get the whole story. Tonight: Plan your weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Your attitude helps loosen up a situation considerably. You might not be able to turn a key person's decision around, but success naturally follows you. Talk to those close to you, and solutions follow in your path. Lighten up about what could be happening. Tonight: Find a quiet corner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** You don't even have to make the first move! Others seek you out, and you enjoy yourself wherever you are. Let go of demands; opt for being receptive. Someone makes true confessions. You have a lot to think about. Discuss your feelings, too. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** You might feel a lot differently about an associate. Discuss how you feel about a work-related matter. Carefully consider options that revolve around a friendship or an important relationship. Don't play games with money. Avoid manipulation. Tonight: Put up your feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)***** Let go if you want. Sometimes you squeeze yourself into a tight corset to get along with the conservatives around you. For now, allow more spontaneity. Your creativity helps solve a loved one's problem. Listen to someone as he or she whispers. This person is shy! Tonight: Smile on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Your family often demands a lot from you. Lighten up about the possibilities that surround your emotional life. Don't automatically jump in and say "no." Carefully listen to someone who often proves to have more insight about yourself than you do! Tonight: Curl up with a favorite TV show.

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Reader questions less than sympathetic response

ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I was appalled by your answer to "Content in Marina Del Rey, Calif.," who was glad to be done with sex after 40 years of "six times a week and twice on Sunday." You said, "That is downright abusive, for heaven's sake," and added, "You have paid your dues."

Your response was offensive. The right to say "no" need not be earned. Every woman — and every man — should be able to decline sex if she (or he) doesn't feel like it. If a plow horse is hitched to a race horse, neither will be happy. There is no "right" or "wrong." Blame and criticism will not solve the problem. Compromise and accommodation could make it tolerable.

If "Content" has submitted to her husband and remained with him for 40 years, maintaining tight-lipped silence, she has only herself to blame. Instead of making excuses for her bitterness, you should have suggested that counseling might help a couple with disparate sex drives find an acceptable compromise.

And how about a little compassion for "Content's" husband? Illness robbed him of a life force that was important to him. His wife of 40 years says she's happy and relieved to be finished with sex. Your comment was, "I'm glad to know he has 'slowed down.'" I couldn't believe it. — Albany, N.Y.

Dear Albany: You're right. My response was neither compassionate nor helpful. I could have done a lot better. Thanks for hauling me up short.

Dear Ann Landers: My father died four years ago, and my 77-year-old mother immediately took up with an old boyfriend. Since then, she has become estranged from her family and won't listen to any of us.

"Joe" comes to Mom's house in the morning and stays all day. He watches television, and my mother waits on him hand and foot. She stopped cooking, so they order from fast-food places every night. They are both diabetic, and Joe's eating habits are terrible. Now, Mom eats a lot of junk food, too. Joe has a very gruff personality, and I have noticed that Mom is starting to act nasty to people. Her newspaper carrier told me she isn't the friendly person she used to be.

Mom is not getting any younger, and her reclusive, anti-social lifestyle has me worried. Lately, she has let her physical appearance go. Please, Ann, how can I get my mother back? — Concerned Daughter in Rhode Island

Dear Concerned Daughter: Your mother should see a geriatrician (a doctor who specializes in treating senior citizens). There are medications that can help her. Please ask her regular physician to step in and add his or her expertise.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 19-year-old college student who will be a bridesmaid for my best friend, "Lois." She is getting married in two months. Aside from the cost of the bridesmaids' gowns and matching shoes, Lois now says we all must have our hair done by her beautician. The cost is $60.

I know it's supposed to be Lois' big day, but I cannot afford such extravagance. My stylist does a beautiful job with my hair for an affordable price, and I see no reason to go to anyone else. I don't want to offend Lois, but how can I tell her my regular hairdresser will be doing my hair that day? — Bridesmaid in South Carolina

Dear S.C. Bridesmaid: Does Lois understand English? If so, that's the language to use. No excuse or apology is necessary.

Gem of the Day (sent in by M.L.F. in Perrysburg, Ohio): Money may not be able to buy happiness, but it makes misery easier to live with.

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9 :PM :30	Downtown (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	ances (CC) "	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Murder (CC) "	Downtown (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	" "	Don Francisco Presenta	Sticks! (CC) (:20) Movie:	Cop II "	" "	Sour Food (CC)	Six Feet Under (CC)	" "	City Confidential (CC)	Olympic Edge: Science	Raptors (CC) NBA	Ultimate Ten "
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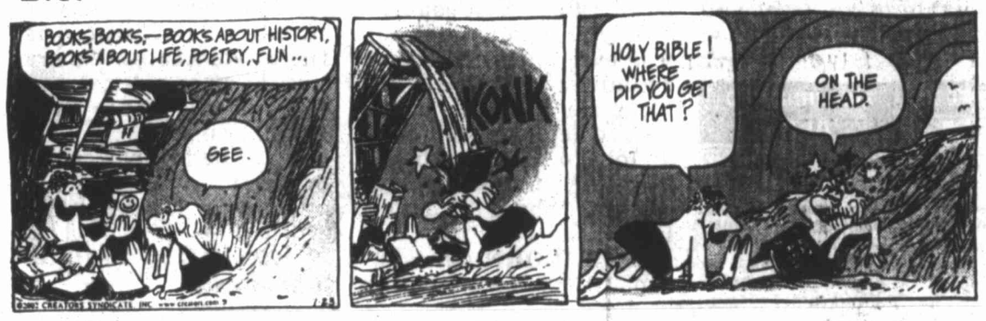

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-kaiser of Germany.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

In 1977, 25 years ago, the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first time.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

Ten years ago: Forty-seven nations, including the United States, agreed on a massive global humanitarian effort to rescue millions of hungry people in the former Soviet Union.

Five years ago: Cancer experts who were supposed to settle a furious controversy over whether women should start having mammograms at age 40 or age 50 decided instead to leave the decision up to patients.

Today's Birthdays: Historian Joseph Nathan Kane is 103. Actress Jeanne Moreau is 74. Actress Chita Rivera is 69. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 68. Actor Gil Gerard is 59. Actor Rutger Hauer is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 58. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 55. Singer Anita Pointer is 54. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 52. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 52. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 52. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 45. Singer Anita Baker is 44.

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Newsday Crossword

JUMBLED by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 "Papa Bear" George of football
6 Egyptian cobras
10 Where Bush is gov.
13 Suspect's story
14 Home-furnishings chain
15 Toon Betty
16 Roadster feature
18 Celestial bear
19 Prepare for war
20 Elke of film
22 Vietnamese New Year
23 French composer Jacques
24 Japanese monster of film
29 Tom of *State Fair*
32 Desk-box words
33 Bit of residue
34 Director Kazan
38 Mrs. Tony Soprano
40 B-29 and B-52, for two
42 Drawer attachment
43 Qatari or Iraqi
45 Heredity carriers
46 Tool with a bubble
48 Like some "kid stuff"
49 Glass component
52 Santa __ winds
54 Adjusts to fit
56 Sleeping-car compartment
62 Actress Virna
63 Peregrinating plant
65 Show of hands
66 Autobahn auto
67 Showed again
68 Mantra words
69 Broad-based
70 Pension-legislation acronym

DOWN
1 Fabled also-ran
2 Reunion attendee
3 An arm or a leg
4 "Dancing Queen" quartet
5 Delta deposit
6 Usher's beat
7 Summer pest, informally
8 Potpie spheroid
9 Srs.' exams
10 Gift getter's question
11 Short-straw drawer
12 In pieces
15 Black-and-yellow buzzer
17 Singer James or Jones
21 Clampett's find
24 "The __" (Mantle nickname)
25 __ even keel
26 Lawn Boy competitor
27 "Meal" for the penitent
28 Numbered rd.
30 Friday player
31 Psyche element
33 Have the courage
35 Olin or Horne
36 Ticks off
37 Putting together: Abbr.
39 Washroom, for short
41 Baseball boss: Abbr.
44 Frightened
47 Phone no. add-on
48 London lockup
49 Battleship blast
50 "Eat crow," e.g.
51 Goes the distance
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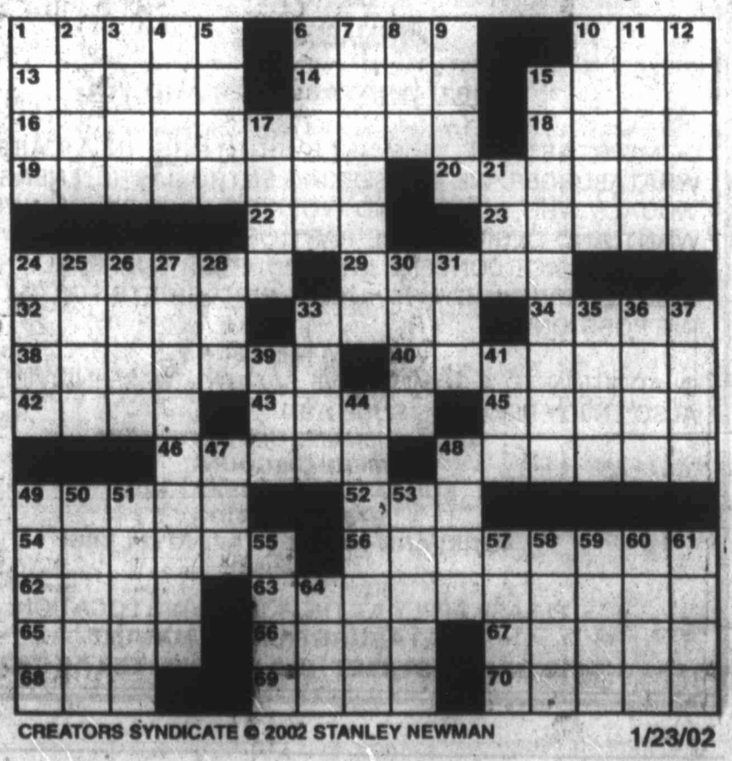

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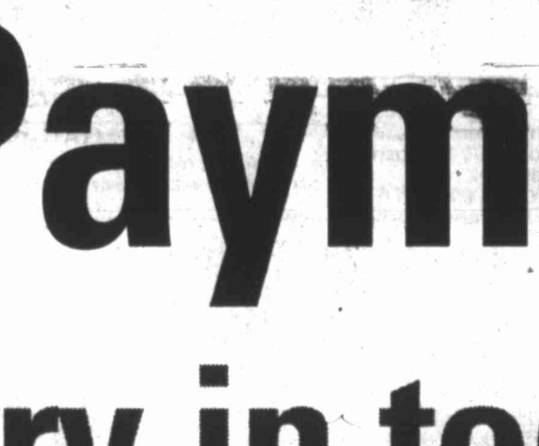

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